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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

SYDNEY—Examination of rats for plague infection.

The following information was taken from plague bulletins issued by the department of health of New South Wales:

During the four weeks ended March 25, there were destroyed 5,655 rats, of which 1,726 were examined for plague infection. No plague-infected rats were found.

BARBADOS.

Yellow fever.

The American consul reported May 8 the occurrence of a case of yellow fever.

CHINA.

AMOY—Cholera.

In a telegram received May 9 the American consul reports the presence of cholera.

SHANGHAI—Fumigation of lighters for the destruction of rats.¹

Acting Asst. Surg. S. A. Ransom at Shanghai, China, has arranged for the use at that port of a form of boat note, a copy of which is shown on page 700, which provides for the fumigation, for the destruction of rats, of lighters used in transferring cargo from the wharves to vessels lying at anchor.

This measure, which is intended to prevent the ingress of rats from lighters to vessels, is in accordance with the movement for the destruction of rats on vessels, which is being steadily developed by the bureau. (See Annual Report for the fiscal year 1910, p. 80.)

¹See Public Health Reports, Apr. 28, 1911, p. 615.